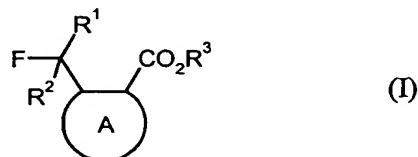


**Preparation of fluoromethyl-substituted heterocycles**

**A b s t r a c t**

The present invention relates to a process for preparing fluoromethyl-substituted heterocycles of the formula (I)



in which  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $A$  are each as defined in the description

by fluorinating the corresponding chloromethyl-substituted precursors.